

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN**  
**PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS DIVISION**

**Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy**

**Jurisprudence Examination**



**Examination Development and Testing Unit**

*This bulletin has been prepared by the Examination Development and Testing Unit (EDTU) of the Professional Licensing Boards Division. Please review this bulletin carefully. It provides you with information about your Jurisprudence licensing examination.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Georgia Board of Physical Therapy was created by the Georgia legislature to protect the public from incompetent professional practice. In order to achieve this goal, the Board established minimum standards and requirements, and a licensure examination was developed. The Jurisprudence Examination is an examination on the laws and the rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia. That law is Section 43 Chapter 33, “The Georgia Physical Therapy Act.” The rules are Chapter 490, the “Rules of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy.”

This Board strives to assure that licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants practice physical therapy competently within the limits of the law. The purpose of the Jurisprudence Examination is to allow demonstration of a minimally acceptable level of knowledge regarding the law and rules governing physical therapy practice in Georgia by an individual seeking initial licensure in Georgia, or whose license has been sanctioned.

For a sanctioned license, successful completion of the Jurisprudence Examination may be only one requirement of a license sanction. All requirements of a sanction, including successful completion of the Jurisprudence Examination, must be satisfactorily met for the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy to consider restoring a license to an unsanctioned status.

## **BEFORE THE EXAMINATION**

### **A. APPLICATION PROCEDURE/LOCATION, DATE, AND TIME**

Candidates must register with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy at [www.fsbpt.net/pt](http://www.fsbpt.net/pt), in order to be scheduled for the examination.

#### **Location, Date, and Time**

Please refer to your Authorization to Test Letter (ATT) and contact Prometrics at 1-800-796-9857 to schedule a date and testing site. You should locate the site before your appointment date. Plan to arrive at the examination site at least fifteen (15) minutes before the examination time. Allow ample time for traffic delays when traveling to the examination.

### **B. EXAMINATION PREPARATION**

**READ THIS ENTIRE BOOK CAREFULLY.** This booklet contains important information about the examination that may help you prepare.

**BE SURE** that you have a current copy of the “Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy Laws” and the “Rules Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy in the State of Georgia.” If you do not have one or both of these documents, you may download a copy from the board website at [www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/pt](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/pt).

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THE JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION IS DERIVED FROM THE CONTENT IN THE CURRENT LAWS AND RULES.

***Test taking tips***

- Read all instructions carefully.
- Mark an answer for all questions. There is no penalty for guessing, scores are based upon the total number of questions answered correctly.
- For each question, select the *BEST* answer of the options listed. More than one choice may be partially correct, but for each question there should be only one best answer.
- Mark answers on the answer sheets provided. No credit will be given for any answers marked in examination booklet.

**C. VETERANS PREFERENCE POINTS**

Georgia law (General Provisions Volume 30, Title 43-1-9.(1)(2)(3) provides that veterans meeting certain conditions are eligible for the addition of five or ten percentage points to their examination scores. To qualify, veterans must have served a minimum of one year of active duty, of which a minimum of 90 days must have served during a period of conflict or war.

To apply for veteran's preference points, Candidates must submit a copy of their DD-214, and documentation of the disability, if applicable, to the Board at the time application.

The Georgia Board of Physical Therapy must approve all applications for persons who wish to sit for the examination. Persons wishing to sit for the Laws and Rules Examination must contact the Georgia Board of Physical Therapy office directly at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217-3858, or call (478) 207-2440

**D. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES**

The Georgia Board of Physical Therapy wants to ensure that any individual with a disability required to take the Jurisprudence Examination has the opportunity to take the examination.

Wheelchair access is available at all established testing centers. Please notify the Board in advance if wheelchair access is necessary.

Qualified applicants with sensory, mental, or physical disabilities that would prevent taking the examination under standard conditions may request special accommodations. Candidates should contact the Board Office at the address below, to obtain the "*Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines*." Application materials, including information requested in the "*Guidelines*", must be received by the Board by the application deadline.

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**Professional Licensing Boards Division  
Attn: Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy  
237 Coliseum Dr.  
Macon GA, 31217**

<b>AT THE EXAMINATION</b>
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**A. WHAT TO BRING TO THE EXAMINATION**

- **Authorization to Test Notice**—contains date, time and location
- **Identification**—Acceptable ID is a currently valid, government-issued photo ID (passport, driver's license, etc), and another piece of identification pre -printed with your name and signature such as a credit card. Your first and last name on both forms of ID must exactly match the first and last name on your Authorization to Test letter issued by FSBPT. Candidates will not be admitted into the examination without proper identification.
- **Number 2 Soft Lead Pencils**

**B. CONDUCT DURING THE EXAMINATION**

- ***Smoking, Food, and Drink***

Smoking is NOT permitted on the examination site.

- **NO Food or Drinks are allowed in the examination room.**
- ***Dressing for the Examination***

Dress comfortably for the examination. The examination staff has no control of the temperature, and it is not possible for us to please everyone simultaneously. We recommend that candidates dress in layers, bring a sweater or jacket to be comfortable in different conditions.

Candidates are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner during the examination. Any candidate found to have engaged in conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert the examination process may be dismissed from the examination, may have scores withheld and/or declared invalid, may be disqualified from the practice of the profession, or may be subject to other Board sanctions.

- Candidates may not bring books or any reference material into the examination or use any performance aids during the examination.

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- Candidates may not bring cameras, cellular phones, tape recorders, beepers, or electronic recording or transmitting devices into the examination. **If you do bring one of these devices, you will have to leave it outside the exam room, unattended, and the state will not assume responsibility for it. IF YOU ARE FOUND IN THE EXAM ROOM WITH ONE OF THESE DEVICES, YOU WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE TEST.**
- Candidates may not take notes or memoranda from the examination room.
- Candidates may not remove any examination materials from the room.
- Candidates are not to reproduce or reconstruct any portion of the licensing examination or assist others in reproducing or reconstructing portions of the examination.
- The examination staff cannot answer any questions about the content of any examination questions.
- Candidates may leave the examination room only with the examination supervisor's permission. If a candidate is permitted to leave and return, candidates will not be granted any extra time to complete the examination.
- Candidates will NOT be admitted to the exam once the examination instructions have been read.
- Candidates may be dismissed from the examination room and/or denied a license for irregularities including, but not limited to:
  1. disrupting other candidates;
  2. attempting to copy answers from another candidate;
  3. allowing answers to be copied;
  4. impersonating another examination candidate;
  5. failing to follow the examination supervisor's instructions.

**C. VISITORS AT THE EXAMINATION SITE**

Only examination candidates and examination administration staff will be admitted to the examination room. **ABSOLUTELY, NO VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE TESTING SITE.**

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## **D. DESCRIPTION OF THE EXAMINATION**

The Jurisprudence Examination is comprised of approximately fifty - (50), multiple-choice questions. Candidates must score 80% correct to pass. Sixty - (60) minutes are allowed to complete the examination.

The content of this examination is based on the Laws and the Rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Georgia. The questions are derived from the Laws and Rules as follows.

	<u>Content-covered</u>	<u>Percent of Questions</u>
1.	Laws OCGA 43-33-1 – 43-33-20 OCGA 43-1-19 – 43-1-27	Approximately 40%
2.	Rules Board Rules 490-1 – 490-11	Approximately 60%

### **\*Sample Question**

The following question is an example of questions on the exam.

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A person who only performs designated and supervised physical therapy tasks not requiring formal training is a

- a. physical therapist assistant
  - b. physical therapist technician
  - c. physical therapy aide
  - d. physical therapist
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Answer: Both physical therapist and physical therapist assistants require formal training pursuant to Georgia law 43-33-12 and 43-33-13, therefore “a” and “d” are incorrect. Answer “b” is incorrect because a physical therapist technician is not recognized under Georgia law. The correct answer is “c” because under Georgia law O.C.G.A. Section 43-33-3(8) reads: “Physical therapy aide” means a person who only performs designated and supervised physical therapy tasks.” Georgia Rule 490-8-.01 reads in part: “A physical therapy aide, activities do not require technical training through a formal course of study.”

## **AFTER THE EXAMINATION**

### **A. PASS/FAIL STATUS**

The Physical Therapy Licensing Board determines the pass/fail status for the Jurisprudence Examination. The Board has set 80% correct as the passing score for this examination.

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**C. SCORE REPORTING**

Approximately 5-10 days after the examination, a pass/fail notification will be mailed to the examinee at the address on file in the Board Office. The examinee has the responsibility of informing the Board Office, in writing, of the current address.

Examination performance is confidential and will not be released over the telephone please do not call the Georgia Board of Physical Therapy or the Examination Development and Testing Unit for this purpose.

**D. STATISTICAL REVIEW OF EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE**

A statistical analysis and candidates comments are reviewed of the Physical Therapy Examination. This analysis assures the validity and reliability of the examination.

**E. REEXAMINATION**

Candidate should complete and mail a reexamination application to the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, Attn: Jurisprudence Examination, Professional Licensing Board Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217. They should also notify the FSBPT regarding reexamination to obtain scheduling information.

***THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS DIVISION DO NOT DISCRIMINATE  
AMONG CANDIDATES ON THE BASIS OF AGE, SEX, RACE, RELIGION, NATIONAL  
ORIGIN, OR DISABILITY.***